(SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Nothing specific has come to the notice of the Government so far in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strengthening the BSF

2816. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps for modernisation and strengthening the Border Security Force particularly its Water and Air Wings in the background of massive smuggling of explosives and other materials to assist terrorists and fundamentalist elements operating in the borders; and

(b) if so, by when better boats and aircrafts are likely to be provided to the Border Security Forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Modernisation and strengthening of the Border Security Force, particularly its Water and Air Wings, is a continuous and on-going process,

(b) In the recent past BSF has been sanctioned 43 speed boats, 2 medium crafts, 5 mechanised boats, 9 country boats, 61 engine fitted country boats and 14 motor vehicles besides 423 additional posts under its expansion programme. The additional boats and crafts sanctioned recently are irt the process of procurement.

Proposals to Solve Karbi Anglo Anglong-DI

2817. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Chief Minister has made certain proposals to solve the Karbi Anglong-dimasa problem;

(b) whether these proposals have been accepted by the Karbi Anglong District Council as well as the Autonomous State Demand Council;

(c) whether the Central Government was also a party to the negotiations; and

(d) what are the snags preventing incorporation of proposals into an accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) to (d) The Central Government have not received any proposals from the Chief Minister of Assam relating to solution specifically of the 'Karbi Anglong-Dimasa problem. Proposals have, however, been received from the Government of Assam for granting more powers and autonoumy to the Autonomous District Councils in Assam under the provisions' of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution.

Demand for Autonomous District Council for Leh

2818. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is wide spread resentment among the people of Leh on the Government's inability to grant the status of Autonomous Hill District Council for Leh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in the matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is mass dissatisfaction in the Ladakh region due to its complete neglect; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME* AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) There was an agitation in Ladakh in July, 1989 by the people of Ladakh seeking union territory status on the plea that the region was neglected by the State Government on all fronts. This demand was dropped, pursuant to a tripartite agreement between the Central Government, the State Government and the representatives of the Ladakh Budhist